Objectives of NE Channel

2804. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the basic objectives of opening of the North-East Channel and details of the functional status of the channel since its inception;

(b) the investment and special programmes made so far and by when the channel would be visible outside the region to get the region adequately exposed;

(c) the future plan for improvement as well as for effective use fulness of channel showing the outlays earmarked for the same during the Tenth Plan;

(d) whether cadre controlling power to the North-East Zone CE (NER) has already been vested as assured; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD):(a) Prasar Bharat has informed that the 24 hours North East Satellite Channel was started on 27th December, 2000 with a view to extend coverage to the population in the hilly and difficult terrain of North Eastern Region of India.

(b) Prasar Bharat has informed that the required capital outlay of Rs. 321.35 crores, projected for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05, will be spent in four phases. Prasar Bharati has further informed that a number of special programmes have been commissioned which include programmes on Development themes, cross border terrorism, militancy, magazine programme on events achievement of North Eastern Region and fiction serial on the award winning novel from NER.

The North East Channel is available outside North East Region, through satellite.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that an amount of Rs. 142.10 crores has been approved mainly for upgradation of programme service for the 24 hours Satellite Channel for North East. The Channel has already started functioning for 24 hours and telecasting programmes in major dialects of North East.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Training by Film Institute of Pune

†2805. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the areas of specialisation where training is being imparted by the Film Institute of Pune;

(b) the number of students getting training from this Institute and the number of staff engaged therein;

(c) the number of students for whom boarding arrangements have been made in the Institute itself;

(d) the annual expenditure made by Government thereon during the last three years; and

(e) whether the Institute proposes to restart training in acting, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Disciplines in which training is being imparted by the Film and Television Institute, Pune are as below:

Under Three Years Diploma Course in Film & Television:

(a) Direction (Films & Television)

(b) Cinematography (Films & Television)

(c) Editing (Films & Television)

(d) Audiography (Films & Television)

Under One Year Certificate Course in Television:

(a) Direction

(b) Electronic Cinematography

(c) Video Editing

(d) Audiography & TV Engineering

†Original question in part of the question was received in Hindi.